northwest winds; fair to-morrow. Highest temperature yesterday, 50; lowest, 36.

Detailed weather reports on last page.

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# U.S. TANK SHIP SINKS 300 FOOT **U-BOAT IN FIGHT**

Three 6 Inch Guns on Submarine Shower Shells and Shrapnel.

ONLY ONE MAN IS HURT

Perfect Manœuvring Off Ireland Helps to Save American Vessel.

CHASES ANOTHER FOR

mans When Yankee Gunners Get Busy.

be of German submarine prowlers, with unusual equipment of three six inch was sunk off the Irish coast on and I by our alert naval gunners award a marvellousty camouflaged tank resimship that arrived at an American port yesterday with the graphic yarn, oun by the mate verbally and set down shie sagaman, William J. Lynch, whose me ashore is 295 West 147th street. : is forbidden to put in print just

on the name of the tank-one of the segum Oil Company's-and her skiper, but he is a native American of the raditional type whose genius and sarriy are reenforced by coolness alnonchalant. He said that he beaved the naval gunners had made a at and that the 300 foot submarine tent to Davy Jones nose first after a stell had landed dead ahead of her. a few feet of her bow. A naval who helped in the duel with the U-boat said he felt pretty sure she was knocked out.

it was a jubilant ship's company that early every mother's son being a native of these States or a citizen effervescing with patriotism. They united in declar-ing that "Fritz got his" this trip.

Hate Is Proud of His Crew. The mate was particularly proud of is men and they appreciated his own solness, the sagaman writing thus of

While the battle was at its highest came down to the messroom to eat it he called his 'last supper on the old hoat." He said that Fritz would not ake a meal from him if he could help t so he filled his stomach with another of Mr. Hoover's meals, which do not make a hit with scafaring men."
The tank was the last ship to leave convoy bound from British ports to

harbors of the world. She is pel with naval guns not of so heavy re as those of the submarine, but

shead with his glasses what appeared if first to be a large buoy. The gunners

thesing ammunition from the hold to take part in the Hotel McAlpin deliberafew seconds after the skipper had German was making an effort to

skipper started zigzagging and as he id so the naval gunners, first with the arward and then the after piece, blazed the submarine, now seen to be awash and apparently using all her three

e from a submarine before, said he got and that unlike the biggest he had read about carried three instead of the usual

which had swiftly found the range, and in less than a minute after the or the tank. There was not a man ward who was not so intensely interbe trightened. until the hall of shraonel had eased to fall resoundingly on the tank's body feit sure that he had been in real

port of the United Kingdom for an-While between ports, at

us first and let one of his tin fishes and I guess the shots came too

### mine place where we were attacked. Graphic Tale of Great Fight.

After leaving the United Kingdom the id be home, we ran into a heavy sea dealers have been praying for ack considerably. On the morn-March I the wind had died down and the sea started to get calm. before About 5.30 P. M. the third er, going to relieve the first officer ther, arrived on the bridge and

### London to Close All Public Places at 10:30

ONDON, March 18. - The "Daily Mail" says the Govplaces of public entertainment, including restaurants, theatres and motion picture houses, in London and the south of England at 10:30 at night to obtain more stringent economy in fuel, light and transportation. Another result of the early

closing scheme, which is now in the hands of the Coal Controller, will be less risk of a crowded building being struck during air

# MILK MAY DROP IN PRICE APRIL 1

Attack Is Given Up by Ger- Troubled Waters of Producers and Distributers Are Calmed.

Both Sides at Meeting Decide to Ask Hoover to Continue Commission.

vigorous Manhattanese by the tank's Federal Milk Commission, whose tenure sumers. And unless the signs of the negotiations and diplomatic moves cal times are all wrong things are shaping up for a drop in the price of milk to the

> consumer on April Fool's day. Indications last night were that producers and distributers who have been will get together on a proposition to ask Mr. Hoover to extend the life of the commission after April 1. This will be accomplished, it is expected, under an amendment to their original agreement. which called for the appointment of the

men's League and representatives of the Milk Dealers Conference Board. The With the acquisition of the Dutch producers and distributers had a series ships interest has turned to a consideraof conferences and reported to the commission each time one or the other side

### Trouble Probably Ended.

meet again in the McAlpin at 3 o'clock to-night the belief was expressed that the way will have been cleared to a settlement of the difficulties. If the programme goes through the commission will receive a joint agreement that will be forwarded to Mr. Hoover asking him to let the commission remain on its job for a certain for the ships. ad gunners who believe they are period of time and the dairymen and better than the Germans, and distributers will patriotically abide by all

its rulings. The skipper was on the bridge when sighted more than four miles off dead sight and that was the question as to spited more than four miles off dead sight, and that was the question as to spited more than four miles off dead sight, and that was the question as to spited more than four miles off dead sight, and that was the question as to what shall be lost to them forever if the south ganized at irkursk. Siberia. Two caves of the sings would corps, it is said, is being socretly or American countries either entered the war or selzed the ships for their own use and sent them to American ports, where they would fall under the control of the Allies.

The big question that has stirred the

for 3 per cent. milk as the base price in the force them to put the interned ships in stantial reduction. The base price in commission is a question which only the the country was fixed by the Federal experts of the War Trade Board are in A R

recoup.

### They All Appear Happy.

None of the farmers or the distributers who attended yesterday's conferences would talk about the events of the day. feeling in better spirits than they have felt in a long time.

Saguman Lynch's own narrative beclass with the departure of the tank from

The past when the farmers into the Government is likely to take.

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The past when the farmers into the Government is likely to take. increased the price two cents to the ports, at consumer. Milk dealers have long the lookout sixted that it was absolutely necessary one that for them to double any increase Milk dealers have long sghief a submarine, not the big one that was made owing to the increased loss was sink, on the port bow. and by other things.

If it so happens that the producer's

and it is not one of his tin fishes

If it so happens that the producer's
price for April is reduced at the rate
price for April is reduced at the rate
of 112 cents a quart it will undoubtedly
mean that the price to the consumer
will go down, but how much nobody

close a him, for he thought the best been arguing that there can be no replace for him was down below to wait for some other victims that might come after victims that might come after victims that might come along that there can be no replace for him was down below to wait they are fixed by conditions. They have they are fixed by conditions. They have been talking about a reduction of 11½ and the proposed circumstances no really neutral Dutch ships will exist. Germany will have no reason longer to leave where we were attacked.

The producers have b The producers have been contending that a greater decrease in price could he made to the consumer and have not Thus the sagaman tells of the tank's hesitated to say that they do not think

### FRANCE TO RAISE RAIL RATE. We then headed southwest and began Chamber Rejects Bill to Bar Sale of Spirite.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. Pants, March 17 .- Passenger rates on the seven trunk railroads of France are Rumanian Mission Arrives Safely an object that drew ahead on the relief 25 per cent.
In the Chamber of Deputies, Jules In half a second our Captain and the sile rate also had seen Pritz, but he had alcohol law forbidding the sale in the hard also had seen Pritz, but he had alcohol law forbidding the sale in France of spiritures liquors during the period of the war; it was rejected by a vote of 442 to 12

# WAITING DUTCH REPLY BEFORE SEIZING SHIPS

Holland's Answer Reported on Way and Day of Grace Is Granted.

OTHER NEUTRALS NEXT

Washington Reaching Out for 80 Teuton Vessels Now in

South America.

Special Despatch to THE SUN WASHINGTON, March 17 .- The Admin istration has determined upon a period of grace for Holland before taking the precipitate action originally contemplated and seizing the Dutch ships in American ports without more ado to-morrow. intimations have been conone of the newest and most formida-by of German submarine prowlers, with day are the latest has been set as the

consummation of this expectation.

Agreement within this time would re-lieve the Dutch Government of many of the embarrassments incident to an actual seizure by the United States au-thorities of the liners and freighters now under the flag of the Netherlands.

There is every indication that the Federal Milk Commission, whose tenure of office has become very uncertain, will be allowed to continue on its milky way fixing prices for the producers and continue on the mag of the Netherlands. The placing of some seventy Dutch vessels under allied charter with allied colors would give the Allies assurances from America during the ensuing three months can go forward on schedule time, but it does not mark the end of the mag of the Netherlands. culated to bring other neutral ships into transatiantic trade to replace vessels lost in the war zone.

For months the Trade Board and the Shipping Board experts have been con-sidering carefully the moves by which the ships of the Netherlands and other neutrals might be forced to serve the transportation needs of Europe in better

amendment to their original agreement, which called for the appointment of the commission with authority to fix prices and America have been able to weave a tional) party the largest in the ommission with authority of he prices and America have been able to weave a web which sooner or later will give to the allied forces control of every ship amicable agreement, it was said, was removed vesterday. The Federal Milk Commission met in the Hotel McAlpin and so did the officers of the Dairy many Learnes and representatives of the interview of the inter

### Eighty Teuton Ships Held Up.

It is understood that some eighty potted the buoylike object a shell struck producers and distributers most in ar-secial hundred feet off the tank's bow. riving at a basis for their agreement in South American ports. They are not despatch another shell raised a founties of surplus milk. This rated in the class occupied by the Dutch. Siberia, 500 miles north of Harbin, field ships, many of which can be used for the local Soviet.

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German offensive.

Occupation by the Turks of the entire Batum region has been confirmed.

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Latest details of the German occupation by the Turks of the entire Batum region has been confirmed. Sees a 300 Foot Submarine.

The mate, who had been under shell from a submarine before, said he got at least 300 feet long, bigger than y of her type that he had ever seen. It is also reported that unlike the biggest he had read eat carried three instead of the usual of six inch guns, outranging these of tank.

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The Yankee shells did not reach the seen as 100 Foot Submarine at 310 per 100 pounds for 2 per cent, milk for the month of March. To this, however, was added the sement for the submarine at any time, and it is believed in view of the success of the plans bearing on control of the Dutch ships that equal advantages could be gained should it be found necessary to use this nation's resources and economic powers in forcing the recovery would be continued at the same ships held in South America to put to sea again.

put to sea again.

The part which the fleets of Sweden. America's shipbuilding catches pace with the sinkings by U-boats is another of the interesting situations which is receiving no slight consideration in official circles. So delicate are the ficial will discuss the exact attitude which abit

### DUTCH CABINET ACTS.

German Newspapers Call Allies Action "Monstrous Violence." inet council lasting into the night the Dutch Government cabled to London a

nessage which, according to reliable to formation, probably will lead to a sat-isfactory conclusion of the shipping dif-

or more shots at dares to guess.

In discussing the discrepance of the shots came too. It is said that the distributers have lies regarding Dutch shipping German newspapers declare it will be followed.

leave open a free passage to the North Sea, which was created only in the in-terest of Dutch ship, ing. This passage it fair that they alone should make all the much more effective. Unfortunately for the good old U.S. A., all means increased consumption of milk and thinking about the day we and that is what farmers and milk supplies promised Holland to and the has been only a nulsance to our sub marines, whose warfare in future will be much more effective. Unfortunately The Vossische Zeitung terms the steps iken by the Allies a monstrous act of taken by the Allies a monstrous act of violence. The Tageblatt says: "Holland naturally must renounce a further of coal and other indispensable

### RED CROSS WORKERS SAFE.

in Moscow.

Moscow, March 17 .- Col. Henry W. gained by the October revolution Anderson, chairman of the American Steinburg, Minister of Justice, and M. Red Cross commission to Rumania, and Kakegaleff. Minister of Agriculture, are thirty members of his staff arrived in the most prominent Cabinet members Moscow yesterday

### Austrian Upheavals **Grow More Serious**

AMSTERDAM, March 17 .-Strikes are in progress in Austria and Hungary, and are spreading rapidly, according to reports appearing in German newspapers. A Vienna despatch to the "Weser Zeitung" of Bre men, dated Friday, says that a strike has begun at Budapest and is assuming large proportions. Telegraphic communication be-

suspended Thursday. A Vienna despatch to the "Lo-kalanzeiger" of Berlin confirms the report of last week that workmen in railway shops have gone on strike. It says Vienna and neighboring industrial centres are affected by the movement. The men in the railway shops of one line quit work on Tuesday and were joined Wednesday by the shop workers of other railways. Under threat of military intervention the men returned to the shops, but did not

tween Budapest and Vienna was

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tion Is in State of Perfected Preparedness.

PRESS FOR MOBILIZATION

Friendly, but Mistaken.

Tokio, March 17.—Premier Terauchi and Foreign Minister Motono told Parliament nothing had been decided upon with reference to the Sharian decided upon with reference to the Sharian decided upon The Reuter correspondent at Petrograd.

tional) party, the largest in the Diet, held a conference and realfirmed its position taken at a recent meeting in opposition to immediate mobilization

Cossacks Tuen on Bolsheviki in Newspapers Are Reappearing. Hingovieshtchensk, Siberia.

Pegin, March 17.- An authoritative from Blagovieshtchensk

Norway and Spain may play in the captured last week off the Juliand coast world's transportation problems in the by a submarine and taken to Germany by a submarine and taken to Germany, arrived at Rotterdam on March 2, un-

It was reported at first that the Prinestions involved, however, that no of- cess Ingeborg, a Belgian relief steam grain when captured.

### LENINE NOT SURE OF PERMANENT PEACE

AMETERDAM, March 17 .- After a Cab- He Says Respite Depends on

Many Factors.

By the Associated Press

Moscow, March 16.—(Delayed)— Nikolai Lenine, the Bolshevik Premier In discussing the decision of the Al- and other Bolshevik leaders, in urging ratification of the peace agreement Germany, made no claim that this insure permanent peace. long a respite might be expected. Lening said that that was impossible to answer as it depended on so many internations movements, such as to what extent Ger many may succeed in Ukraine and Pin-land, when Japan makes an advance, also on the general course of the war on the other fronts and the Russian

restic situation ganize a local Soviet army. As the peace terms necessitate the demobiliza-Guards, the Bolshevik leaders are seek ing a plan for the organization of a new army. The Germans, it is declared, wil not hinder this movement, and it seem likely that hereafter defence will be effected through local Soviet armies.

The Social Revolutionary party or ganization has issued a mandate withdraw its six members from Cabinet, but pledging support to the Bolshevik Government in all its activi-ties which the party may regard as being in consonance with the victory thus withdrawn.

# GERMANS TAKE NIKOLAYEV, BIG WHEAT CENTRE

Black Sea Naval Base Has 5,000,000 Bushels in Her Granaries.

EXPLOITATION IS BEGUN

Albert Ballin and Herr Langhof Sent to Petrograd to Lay Groundwork.

London, March 17.—The Germans have occupied Nikolayev, in addition to Odessa, according to a Reuter despatch from Petrograd. Nikolayev is situated about sixty miles east and a little north from Odessa, on the Bug River, twenty miles above its mouth. miles above its mouth.

taken without fighting. The fleet at them severely. Odessa had fled to Sebastopol. The Ger- the hands of the Germans.

direct from Berim arrived in Odessa vesterday.

Although it is customary to speak of Odessa as the chief grain centre of Russia, that position is really occupied by Nikolayev, where most of the export trade in wheat is concentrated. Aside from this, the city, which is very strongly fortified is an important naval Kokumin Shimbun's' Editor strongly fortined is an important base, the headquarters of the Black Sea fleet and the seat of a military governor, who commands it. It has also a great who commands it. It has also a great who commands it. navy yard, covering nearly 200 acres, and

Will Control All Shipping.

It is an open secret that by astute approximation of imports and exports a the Russian peace delegation at

Litovsk, has been appointed Russian Ambassador at Berlin. An indication of the extent to which

The Council of Commissaries of "the mmune of Petrograd," which will be official designation of Petrograd and Siberia, 500 miles north of Harbin, filed the district surrounding it in future, has March 8, says all Bolshevik leaders, inalled bourgeois newspapers which had been suppressed since the beginning of the

were disarmed and order was established.

A Reuter despatch from London received Saturday quoted reports to the

Colved Saturday quoted reports to the ceived saturday of the ceived Saturday quoted reports to the ceived Germans bombarded the town for half few days, Gen. Haig's report says an hour, forcing the Red Guards to retire. The Germans seized three Russian man artillery fire southwest of Cambrai torpedo boats and some none sweepers and along the whole front fr The Finnish Council is prepared to Bassee Canal to the Menin road. and along the whole front from La arrange a compromise with the Ger-mans. It is said the Germans have demans.

Communication from Stockholm to Prisoners of War to Benefit by lef Commission says that the Swedish Helsingfors and other points in souther steamship Princess Ingeborg, which was Finland was broken for a time to-day Finland was broken for a time to-day and it was believed that the Germans had cut the cable between Sweden and Aland Islands.

### communication was restored. Banks to Be Denationalized.

The wife of Grand Duke Michael has requested permission to follow her hus-band into exile. It is reported in Petrohus- April 19, 1915, which allowed this privigrad that, under German pressure, the banks will soon be denationalized. Having been offered by the "Cou National Council" the title of Duke of Courland, according to German newspaper reports, Emperor William has

Continued on Third Page.

### Help Our Soldiers to Get Their Smokes!

UNCLE SAM'S soldiers over in France would go without smokes if patriots at home were forgetful of their interests and happiness. THE SUN Tobacco Fund is their principal source of supply. The total of the fund's contributions is mounting rapidly, but meanwhile the demand is increasing, for more and more troops are being sent abroad. Turn to page 5 and read how you may help.

Leopold Godowsky's recital-an evening with Chopin-takes place Thursday in Acolian Hall The entire receipts come to the fund, the artist appearing without charge, his managers contributing their services and the hall being donated by its management.

WARNING! THE SUN TO-BACCO FUND has no connection with any other fund, organization or publication. It employs no agents or solicitors.

### BRITISH AVIATORS CAUSE GERMANS TO LEAVE TOWNS

Whole Sections Abandoned by Rich Residents, Who Flee to Interior in Effort to Escape Deadly

London, March 17.—Reports reaching by the anti-aircraft guite from reaching ere from Germany through Geneva say their objectives. here from Germany through Geneva say that panies have been brought about by the British aerial attacks on German towns. At Coblenz, according to a Basel despatch, there were several out-breaks of fire in the southern portion of the town and an ammunition factor;

was blown up. The railway station at Fribours again was damaged badly. Swiss travellers report that in the principal Rhine cities many houses and apartments are vacant, numbers of persons moving to central Germany or switzerland. They say opinion is grow-ing against continuation of German air

of damage was done to houses and other Both Odessa and Nikolayev were private property. Twelve persons were killed and thirty-six injured, fifteen of One biplane fell into

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mans immediately suppressed the Soviets in both cities and seized the naval yards at Nikolayev.

The German advance continues in the direct train

The other attacks were directed against industrial districts in Lorraine. Luxeniburg, Saar and Moselle. They are said to have caused no interruption of work, the raiding planes in a madirection of Kherson. The first train jority of cases having been prevented.

Rain of Bombs.

RAIDING CONTINUED.

British Drop Thirteen Tons of FEW ENTER OUR LINES

cial announcement of the raids says: On Sunday we again raided Ger-many, attacking the barracks and railway station at Kalserslautern (Bayaria). Direct hits were observed on the station and a large fire broke

large number of hostile machines. which were driven off. All of our machines returned. On Saturday thirteen tons of bombs were dropped on the enemy's billets, which have been bombed continuously for the last twenty-four hours, and two hostile airdromes and three large ammunition dumps. At one airdrome a hangar completely burst. A Gotha

### FRENCH STRIKE FOE AT VERDUN IN FRANCE SOON

a Half Mile on Mile

DRIVEN OUT, BERLIN SAYS TRANSPORTS SPEEDED UP

Claims to Have Taken 200 Added Efficiency Assists in Prisoners, Including Staff of Battalion.

of the web is the coal supply, for without consent of the Alles it is impossible
to-day for steam driven ships to remain
in service.

With the acquisition of the Dutch
ehips interest has turned to a consideration of what the United States may seek
to accomplish in further strengthening
its shipping facilities. For months it
has been known that negotiations were
being carried on between the United
States and Austria and Germany looking
to the sale of vessels caught by the
war's outbreak in ports of the South
American neutrals. The negotiations
have taken the form of guarantees to be
fulfilled by Switzerland or some other

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Ambassador at Berlin.

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figures in the German business world,
and for a long time.

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the fr London, March 17.—Raids and patrol special Despatch to The Sum artillery. Shells, most of them heavy and some of them heavy and some of them of the 12 inch type, to suthoritative information from the but the Americans and their allies have Petrograd stating that Albert Ballin, di- of them on such a large scale that they War Department to-night American held on. rector-general of the Hamburg American
Steamship Line, and Herr Langhof, a
Prussian financier, are expected there on

Attacks of this kind were made

The Hamburg American held on.

The H to-day by the Germans against the war began. The speeding up process in brought the French lines up on a front French at Samogneux, north of the Bois the matter of troop shipments, about of nearly three miles. The parapets have des Caurieres, and in the Besonvaux which so many forecasts were made, is been turned toward the enemy, dugout

after, and to make certain that the order is obeyed all passenger train service has been suspended.

After preparation for ten hours the French pressed forward on a wide front west of Avocourt (Verdun front, west of the Meuse), but were defeated, partly by artillery fire and partly in hand to hand fighting. There was a sharp artillery duel on the east bank of the Meuse. Hesthe east bank of the Meuse. Hes-sian and Waldeck storming troops near Samegneux and Saxons near Besonvaux (both points on the Ver-dun front east of the Meuse) penetrated enemy positions deeply, brought back 200 French pr

cluding the staff of one battalion. Seventeen enemy airplanes and two

## anded the disarmament of the Red FRENCH TO WED BY PROXY.

New Law. Special Cable Despatch to Tue St. Pages, March 17.—The French Senate Later, however, has adopted a bill permitting urgency

marriages by proxy to soldiers and sailers who are prisoners of war in Ger-This is an amendment to the law of

lege to French troops serving under the SUPPLIES DEMANDED

INSTEAD OF TROOPS London Paper Wants Us to Give Material Aid.

leading editorial in the Daily Telegraph to-day is captioned "The Peril of Sea Transport" It characterizes the formation of an allied maritime transport council as a new link between the associated nations and says: London, March 16 (delayed) .- The tated nations and says;

"We are approaching the supreme test of the issue, which depends on merchant-men. It may be a matter of serious consideration by the United States Govern-ment whether it may not give more essential aid at this moment by holding back temporarily further reenforcements for the army, with a consequent in-crease in the quantity of ocean borne upplies."
The paper asserts that if American

soldiers continue to come over at the present rate tonnage which might be devoted to food will be utilized for mili-tary instead of economic purposes, and while both soldiers and food are required the latter is the more urgent The Telegraph declares the enemy's sen offensive cannot be treated as atter of less importance than hi

advertised movement on the west front

and adds: "Radical changes in organization, if masters and men are to save us. It declares, in conclusion, that \$0,000 tore men must be supplied for the shipards and engine shops of England.

LONDON, March 17 .- Great bombing raids against Germany have been car-ried out by British airplanes. The offi-

Our formation was attacked by a

Sixteen hostile machines were brought down and seven were dis-abled. Six of our machines are miss-

machine in the act of rising was seen

Penetrate German Positions Our Troops Moving at Rate

That Fulfils Promise Made by Baker.

Handling of Ships to

Great Britain.

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Treatlying that this is an almost hopeless.

established in speeding up shipments deep and 30 feet in diameter, fell in one of troops, the War Department regards eection of the line. In another section these causes as contributing largely to but the barrely to More gas shells have failen in both the the marked improvement Improvement in the handling of ships for troop transportation, whereby one ship is made to do the work of two or even three ships under presentations. Toul and Luneville sectors, but the larger number in the former. In the intermittent bombard-inerse considerable numbers of mustard, phosgene and chlorine shells were used.

ous conditions. Improvement in loading and unloading facilities here and abroad Success of an arrangement with ne British Government whereby British ships available for troop ship ments are exchanged for American

and other cargo carriers. Improved weather conditions, Disappearance of the bunker coal The records being made do not take

States and Great Britain is highly important, according to army officers here. There long has been a mistaken im-pression that every time the Allies are pinched for food troop shipments must slacken materially. This is not the case

stuation with respect to food shipments hone of the American patrol to the Allies is improving greatly. Great Britain and France admittedly were Worried about cereals for the month of the Wednesday right, one dropping

causing concern. Much emphasis is laid at the War De-Much emphasis is inproved methods of partment on the improved methods of handling treopships, which have con-

### Efficiency Doubled.

According to army officers, if a purely arbitrary example is taken it is evident that if it took a ship six days to load, twenty days to reach port and six days transportation can be doubled by loading the same ship in three days, sending it to Europe in ten days and unloading it to Europe in ten days and unloading it in three days. The ship, under
new conditions, is equal to two ships
mew conditions, is equal to two ships
under the old. It has been along this
line that improvements very important
in character have been carried out.

It is because of the importance of this
that Secretary Baker is now paying particular attention to docking facilities on Paul, Charles Daulelson, Storm Lake

This Is a Wheatless Day

# GERMANS RAID U.S. TRENCHES IN TOUL SECTOR

PRICE TWO CENTS.

Large Numbers Attack on Extreme Right After Ter-

rific Gun Fire.

Permission to Mention Number of Casualties

Is Refused. FRENCH FRONT ADVANCED

Pershing's Troops Still Hold Ground Gained Near Luneville.

By the Associated Press. WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE. March 16 (delayed).—After a terrific artillery preparation this morning large numbers of the enemy crossed No Man's Land on the extreme right of the American sector northwest of Toul. Apparently the purpose of the raid was quickly accomplished and only a comparatively small number entered our lines. Permission has not been given to mention

the number of casualties. This raid, like most of the others caried out all the way from the sea to Switzerland, was designed to gather information by means of taking prisoners New German troops have entered the line in front of us. Apparently they have been told they are opposite Americans, because many times the new arrivals have been seen observing us curiously through field glasses. This curl-osity has proved disastrous to them on more than one occasion, for our anipers

### are as active as our artillery

Still Hold Captured Line. The American troops in the sector east Luneville, in conjunction with the of Luneville, in conjunction with the French, are still holding the former enemy trenches northeast of Badonvillers, although the Germans have made another attempt to drive them out with

### Throughout the sector artillery is continuing, but no infantry ac-

thousands, to carry out the mandate of extraordinarily heavy artillery fire for Our troops have been subjected to an condition: Toul and Luneville Sectors,

> East of Luneville our patrols have explored part of the German trench which our artillery forced the enemy to abundon. Parrols proceeded later-ally unfil they established contact with the dermans. Our recommissance and wire patrols found supers posts, ins-tening posts and nests from which matening posts and nests fro

chine guns land been firing on our lines. The artillery attended to all The records being made do not take into consideration the acquisition of approximately half a million tons of Dutch shipping which is to be taken over by the United States to-morrow.

Ship Exchange Important.

The exchange of troop ships and carriers being made by the United states of the proximately former times and states of the proximately former times and states of the proximately former times and states of the proximately form a point in the rear of Sonnard Wood Several carriers being made by the United of the proximately former and the proximately former and the proximately former and the proximately former and the proximately former than the proximately forme The German positions have been made

### places where activity was observed also were shelled

Enemy Patrol Routed.

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time of our pairols recently encounslacken materially. This is not the case. The ships which carry food to the Allies never carry troops, and conversely the troop ships do not carry the food and supplies which the Allies need. The two plans are worked out separately. Incidentally it is said here that the strength of the carrying with the strength of the carrying with the plans are worked out separately. Incidentally it is said here that the strength of the carrying with the carry from any other carry troops.

March, but their fears have proved in-founded. The need for cereals may be head at a line when was over great during Anal but. great during April, but this difficulty is a barrage, which our guide countered is not improbable that the enem plane was trying to locate our batters by the flushes of the guns infantry activity followed the barras METANO degree to American aerial observers in the rear Goethals, of the lines have been formed into a squadron under command of a French littles, gets captain. They were over the lines. Thursday, but had no encounters with

American soldiers serving in the sector east of Luneville again have been honored by the French Government for heroic conduct on the field of battle to unload the efficiency of this means of War crosses have been conferred upo

ticular attention to docking facilities on the other side.

Paul, Charles Danielson, Storm Lake, lowa; Charles McLoughlin of Hutchinson, Minn.; Walter Smith of Hutchinson. Minn.: Harvey A. McPeak, Renwick iowa: Ployd R Lesseman, Prescott, Wis-Nicholas McGaughren, St. Paul; John A Bender, New Prague, Minn.—"soldees of fine energy, having given proof since their entry into the line of great e grage under fire, wounded at their ports of cumbut.

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